

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BETWEEN
CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
AND
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES**

We the undersigned partners within California's State Government achieve greater efficiency in the delivery of contract opportunities to Californians. We will minimize overlap, redundancy, and cost in state operations by being fully committed to leveraging shared services and information in order to make state government more transparent, accessible and accountable, and enhance the quality of services to Small Businesses, Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. Leveraging shared services have been proven to achieve greater efficiency, cost-effectiveness and reduced fiscal impact.

Whereas the California High Speed Rail Authority agrees to:

- ◆ Assist business owners on where to obtain Small Business certification.
- ◆ Email Small Business information and certification opportunities to business owners upon request.
- ◆ Distribute Small Business certification brochures at outreach events.
- ◆ Attend outreach events in partnership with the Department of General Services to present and distribute CHSRA business opportunity material.
- ◆ Share information with the Department of General Services critical to maintaining the integrity of Small Business certification.

Whereas the Department of General Services agrees to:

- ◆ Educate the CHSRA on navigating the Web site for the Small Business and the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise certification process.
- ◆ Educate the CHSRA on navigating the BidSync Web site.
- ◆ Distribute CHSRA contract opportunities to Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises.
- ◆ Attend CHSRA outreach events.

We mutually agree to actively participate in regularly scheduled meetings and to work together as a cohesive cooperative team to maximize the participation of Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises including Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, in the State's contracting program and to strengthen and sustain California's economy.

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